

Rob Drake, Mayor

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CITY OF BEAVERTON NEWSLETTER

May - June 2004

You Bet Your Vote Counts!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

• Margaret Mead

I'll admit to being a passionate person. Those closest to me will tell you that I have a boiling cauldron inside regarding public service, democracy and fairness. I also strongly believe in the power of one person or idea to make the entire difference in the outcome of important issues. Margaret Mead's quote, which has been framed in my office since taking office as Mayor in 1993, nicely sums up my thoughts on how important the right to speak freely, influence people and to vote is, and should be in people's thoughts and actions.

Voting is perhaps our most precious right and freedom, yet so often it is ignored and goes unused. Our votes all have the same value. No more and no less. As powerful as any United States President can be, he or she has only one vote in their voting precinct – no different than any other voter in their home towns. As the saying goes – "one man, one vote".

Our country was founded in 1776, yet the universal right to vote has not been established for that long in our country. Women's suffrage was not assured until the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified in 1920. Even more recently it wasn't until passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that all Americans were assured of an equal and clear right to vote. This Act prohibits discrimination in voting practices or procedures because of race and color. It also made huge strides towards making voting rights a reality. The Act prohibited literacy tests and poll taxes

which had been used to prevent blacks from voting. It wasn't until 1975 that Congress recognized the need to protect citizens who did not read or speak English well enough to participate in the political process and expanded the protections of the Voting Rights Act to them.

Most of you reading this article were alive when the initial 1965 Voting Rights Act and 1975 modifications were made. Using this analogy, it should be easy for people to understand the long struggle and recent accomplishment for the attainment of universal voter rights. As much as we value our freedoms and democracy, the struggle for complete and universal voting rights concluded only recently.

So, why don't more people exercise this valuable freedom to vote? Oregon's last major election cycle was in 2002. The May Primary election turnout was only 46.7% and the November General election

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Your interests and concerns are important to me. A phone line is available 24 hours a day for citizen calls: (503) 526-3700. Messages will be checked daily, and if you leave your name and number, a staff member or I will respond to you as quickly as possible.

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turnout was an improved 69%. Oregon mandates statewide mail ballot elections, so the process to vote is exceedingly simple. The ballot is delivered to your mailbox and can be returned the same way.

While I can't legally advocate in a City publication for a specific person or measure, I can tell you that your single vote is very important. Races and issues have been decided by only a few votes more often than you think. Regardless for whom you voted for in the last Presidential race, a small number of votes were the difference between President George W. Bush and Al Gore. Some election year cycles certainly have more interesting people and issues than others. Yet, you have the ultimate authority over who is elected, what issues pass and fail, and how much is spent in special requests by your broad range of governments. The choices you make have significant impact on your city, state and country. Please vote.

• Rob Drake, Mayor

2004 Picnics in the Park

Mayor Rob Drake and the Beaverton City Council are once again sponsoring the Picnic in the Park series. The purpose of the picnics is to give citizens the opportunity to speak with the Mayor and City Councilors in an informal manner and to encourage citizen participation in neighborhoods.

All residents are encouraged to attend, particularly those without much experience attending City government functions. The Picnics in the Park are designed to give people who are new to civic participation a unique opportunity to communicate with their elected officials.

The City provides hot dogs and beverages and the entire family is welcome! Many of the City's programs will have tables set up to provide information on City services. Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) representatives will also be in attendance. The information below outlines the dates, locations, times and neighborhoods for the specific picnic. Feel free to call (503) 526-2658 if you have any questions about these events.

Thursday, June 24, 6:00 p.m. CAMILLE PARK

West Slope, Raleigh West Denney Whitford

Thursday, July 22, 6:00 p.m. SCHIFFLER PARK

Central Beaverton Highland, Vose Thursday, August 12, 6:00 p.m.

HITEON PARK

Sexton Mountain, South Beaverton Greenway, Neighbors Southwest

Thursday, August 26, 6:00 p.m. AUTUMN RIDGE PARK

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Five Oaks, Triple Creek West Beaverton

If you do not know which Neighborhood Association you belong to, please call the Neighborhood Program Office at (503) 526-2543 or visit our website at www.ci.beaverton.or.us.

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THE CITY'S MISSION:
"Preserve and enhance Beaverton
as a responsive, dynamic, attractive
and safe community."

Rob Drake, Mayor
Forrest Soth, Council President
Betty Bode, Councilor
Dennis Doyle, Councilor
Fred Ruby, Councilor
Cathy Stanton, Councilor

COUNCIL GOALS:

- 1~Preserve and enhance our sense of community.
- 2~Use City resources efficiently to ensure long-term financial stability.
- 3~Continue to plan for, improve and maintain the City's infrastructure.
- 4~Provide responsive, cost-effective service to the community.
- 5~Assure a safe and healthy community.
- 6~Manage growth and respond to change consistent with maintaining a livable, full-service city.
- 7~Maintain Beaverton as a regional leader in cooperative efforts with other agencies and organizations.
- 8~Provide and support a highly qualified and motivated City work force.

Council Corner: Livability In Beaverton

PLEASE NOTE: The Council Corner article reflects the views of the Councilor writing the article. The Mayor's or other Councilors' opinions may not be fully reflected in Council Corner articles.



by Betty Bode, Councilor

Livability in Beaverton takes on an expanded meaning in the summer months. With the recent warm weather bringing out the spring flowers we know that summer isn't too far away.

There are several unique activities that the community is invited to take part in

during the coming months. Soon Beaverton's Farmers' Market will open Saturday, May 8. It is a great place to get fresh produce and by my observation it is the best place to eat a brat hot off the grill before 9 a.m. You can watch the children and dogs run through the water fountain or listen to a variety of live music, meet your friends and visit over hot coffee and breakfast rolls. From the Farmer's Market you can take a walk and answer the question of "how many hanging flower baskets are attached to the light poles this year?"

Each year Beaverton's SummerFest weekend with the parade attracts community members of all ages. SummerFest weekend will be July 16, 17 and 18. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and stay for the evening concerts.

Another event that continues to grow each year is called "Picnic in the Park," The city organizes an old fashion picnic in 4 neighborhood parks throughout the city. Food will be provided, information about city services, the Arts Commission and Economic Development will be available.

No "Picnic in the Park" event would be complete without an update on traffic, including safety on your neighborhood streets. This is an opportunity to learn first hand what is going on in your city. The Mayor and City Councilors attend to listen to your concerns and answer your questions. The picnic is a great event to reconnect with your neighbors.

If you have never attended, please consider yourself personally invited this year! The picnics last about two hours and are held come rain or sunshine. This years locations are: Camille Park on June 24, Schiffler Park on July 22, Hiteon Park on August 12 and Autumn Ridge Park August 26. The Picnics start at 6 p.m.

Watch for more information in "Your City" newsletter or check out the City's Web site at www.ci.beaverton.or.us for more information. When planning your summer activities take advantage of the unique events that are in Beaverton. These are just a few examples of the kind of City-based events that add to Beaverton's livability.



Mayor Rob Drake talks with Beaverton residents at a Picnic in the Park.

City Councilors Welcome Your Comments

Please feel free to call your City Councilors with any comments or questions you may have. They can be reached at the following numbers:

Forrest Soth, Council President (503) 644-4972

Betty Bode (503) 526-2347

Dennis Doyle (503) 526-2344

Fred Ruby (503) 526-2345

Cathy Stanton (503) 526-2343

Downtown Beaverton: Tell us what you think!



Do you know where downtown Beaverton is?•What are your favorite destinations?•Is parking a problem?•What improvements do you think are needed?

The City of Beaverton appreciates your views, and invites you to take a short survey that will assist in the development of your Downtown.

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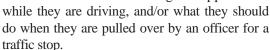
If you would like to complete a survey, and do not have access to the internet, please call (503) 526-2533.

Police Department:

What to Do When You See Emergency Vehicles with Activated Lights

The Beaverton Police Department is committed to providing a safe and livable community through proactive, community-based policing that includes high visibility and citizen education. One goal of the Department is to provide safe and effective movement of traffic within the City through traffic enforcement and community edu-

cation. Many citizens have requested information about what they should do when an emergency vehicle with warning lights approaches





If you see an emergency vehicle approaching with its warning lights activated:

Oregon law requires that drivers pull to the right and stop for any approaching emergency vehicle (police, fire, ambulance) with its warning lights activated. There may be times when you do not see the emergency lights or hear the siren, but as soon as you do, you are required to pull to the right side of the road, as safely and expeditiously as practical. This is for your safety and the safety of the emergency responder.

If you are being stopped by a Police Officer:

When you see the red and blue lights behind you, please pull to the right side of the road as safely and quickly as possible. Use common sense; if you see a side street or accessible parking lot close by, pull in there. Try to avoid blocking driveways or side streets; this could cause other traffic problems. Odds are the officer

will not activate their emergency lights in any area that would not be safe for you to pull over. If the officer wishes you to change locations for the stop, they will ask you to do so.

Once you have stopped and the officer is approaching, please stay in your vehicle. This is for your safety; the roadway is not the place for you to be. If it is dark, you might consider turning on your dome light; this reassures the officer that you have nothing to hide in your car.

Please wait until the officer gets to your door before reaching for any documents or identification. Officers are trained to look for and watch the hands of anyone they come into contact with; when officers cannot see hands, they get a little concerned. Once the officer is at your door, he/she will let you know why you were stopped, and ask for your driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance. At this time go ahead and look for these documents and present them to the officer. For your safety, and for the officer's peace of mind, please keep your hands in the open and let them know if you need to look in other areas of your car for these requested items.

Once the officer has the required documentation, he/she will want to get back to the safety of his/her car and out of the traffic lane as soon as possible. When the officer returns to your car, and if he/she has a citation for you, this is the time to ask any questions you might have.

After the officer has finished his/her contact with you and returned to their car, they will do what they can to advise traffic that you will be pulling back into the lane of travel. Do so cautiously, and continue on your way.

The Police **Department** hopes these tips will make your traffic stop contact with the police officer safe, quick and efficient. We encourage you to contact Beaverton **Police** Department if vou have **questions** regarding traffic stops or laws at (503) 526-2264.

Operations Department:

Springtime Updates

Vector Control

It's that time of year again when you may start hearing that high pitched whine near your ear on a warm spring or summer night. Now is also a good time to begin looking around your property at rain gutters and items that will hold water and breed mosquitoes. The risk level of West Nile Virus, a disease spread to humans from the bite of mosquitoes infected from species of birds, horses, and other animals, could end up being slightly higher this year. Within a few weeks, as mosquito season gets closer, informational brochures as well as information on the City of Beaverton Web site will be available to you with ways in which to protect your home and family from the possibility of West Nile Virus.

If you have any questions, observations or comments regarding the West Nile Virus, please call Larry Burton, Vector Program Coordinator at (503) 350-4090.

Street Section

The Street Section of the City of Beaverton Operations Department, in coordination with the City Engineering Department's Capital Improvement Project Division, has worked together in assessing this year's priority street maintenance overlays. Street inspections are conducted every two years and the data is entered into a pavement management system database. Each street has a pavement condition index (PCI) value: 100 is a new street, 0 is a street in poor condition. The PCI rating of each street is evaluated to determine which streets should be resurfaced within a 5-year overlay plan. The streets that make the list and those that get put on hold fluctuate for many reasons.

Prior to resurfacing streets, video inspections of the underground storm and sewer lines are conducted. City utilities and distressed pavement areas that do not meet the City's standards are repaired or replaced.

Wastewater & Storm Section

In the spring, our wastewater crews concentrate their efforts on root abatement treatment to ward off potential problems that cause sewage backups. These same practices could be applied to private service lines. Plumbing supply stores have a variety of safe chemicals that can kill roots in your service pipes. This can be a proactive approach to avoid problems, especially if you have a slow drain or routine problems every spring.

This is also a good time to do maintenance on your private area drain or catch basin. There are a variety of area drains and pollution controls. The pollution control or trap is designed to keep floatable debris such as petroleum products and other garbage out of the pipe while also preventing heavier debris (i.e. dirt, sand and asphalt) from entering the system, thus keeping the pollutants out of our streams, rivers, ponds and lakes. Once the debris reaches the pollution control opening, it no longer functions as an area drain and must be cleaned out. This is the best time to clean it out. Using a small shovel or scoop, remove as much of the debris as possible. You can dispose of the debris in your garbage can. Please do not use any cleaners or solvents in or around these drains.

If you have further questions regarding the work conducted by the Operations Department, we welcome your calls at (503) 526-2220 or visit our Web site at:

www.ci.
beaverton.or.us.

The following streets are scheduled for maintenance overlays for the spring and summer of 2004:

Street Boundaries
Maple Ave. to Maple Ave.
Maple Ave. to Maple Ave.
Beaverton Hillsboro Hwy. to 5 th St.
Bridge to Farmington Rd.
Watson Ave. to Lombard Ave.
Village Cir. to cul-de-sac
Village Cir. to cul-de-sac
Lombard Ave. to Denny Rd.
Hall Blvd. to Hwy 217 overpass
Greenway Ave. to Conestoga Ave.
Downing Dr. to 125 th Ave.
Arctic Dr. to cul-de-sac
Village Cir. to cul-de-sac
Village Cir. to cul-de-sac
Arctic Dr. to cul-de-sac
Camden Ln. to Hall Blvd.
Village Ln. to Village Ln.
Village Cir. to cul-de-sac
Salix Ridge St. to cul-de-sac
Salix Ter. to cul-de-sac
Salix Ter. to cul-de-sac
185th to Salix Ridge St. (includes spur)

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Community Development Department: Tips for Safe Decks and Balconies

As summer approaches, an increase in the use of elevated decks and balconies is to be expected. However, what has happened to your wood deck through all the cold, wet winters? For the citizens of Beaverton who are concerned about the safety of their decks and balconies, the Building Services Division offers the following five important tips. (Over the past several years, accidents involving decks, balconies, and porches have killed at least 12 people and injured 88 nationwide.)

Tip 1: Prevention is preferable to any cure for a faulty deck, porch, or balcony. If you're planning to build one, get a building permit (if required). You are required to get a permit if you're adding a deck more than 30 inches off the ground or adding a balcony or porch. A permit provides you and future occupants a safety net, ensuring the structure will meet the City's building requirements for strength and stability and that it will be inspected by a professional.

If a permit is not required for your proposed deck, be sure to use the correct materials and method of construction.

Exterior wood decks (including all joists, beams and supports) must be constructed of material that is resistant to decay from moisture and insects.

This includes: cedar, redwood, and pressure treated wood (untreated Douglas fir, hemlock, and pine are not resistant to decay or insects).

Tip 2: With the amount of rain we normally see in Oregon, it is inevitable that wood will deteriorate over time. The first thing to do if you're the owner or renter of a home that already has a deck or balcony is to consider whether the wood has deteriorated enough to make it unsafe.

Just over ten years ago our building code did not require treated wood for decks unless the wood was closer than six inches to the ground. If your deck is older than ten years, it is especially important to have it checked. Some may say "but my deck surface is cedar (which has a higher resistance to dry rot) or treated wood (outdoor wood, sunwood, wolmanized, etc.), and that means it won't rot." It is true that those types of wood have a higher resistance to decay, but what about the joists and beams below that support the deck? They may not be treated and are subject to the same moisture and dry rot potential.

Another issue that is often overlooked when building a deck with treated wood, is to treat any piece that is cut (since cut ends are often not treated).

Tip 3: Any deck, porch, or balcony so crowded that people have difficulty moving about is probably overloaded. Don't be timid about requiring guests to move off the deck or balcony into other rooms or onto the lawn or patio.

Tip 4: It is recommended that you (or a private building inspector that you hire) conduct a twice-yearly inspection of your deck, porch, or balcony to look for the following:

- •Split or rotting wood
- •Loose or missing nails, bolts, or screws
- •Missing, damaged, or loose support beams and planks
- •Wobbly handrails or guardrails

Tip 5: If you are planning a party that involves a crowd on your deck, balcony, or porch, you must weigh the cost of prevention against the cost of a possible accident. To get an expert opinion about what kind of load your deck, balcony, or porch will safely handle, you'll need the services of a structural engineer. You can find one by looking in the yellow pages of your telephone directory.

For more information regarding permits and decks, please visit our City Web site at:

www.ci.
beaverton.or.us

Engineering Department:

Capital Improvements Plan Update

The City of Beaverton Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) is an annually updated document with listings of prioritized proposed improvements and expansions of the City's infrastructure system to maintain appropriate service levels to existing City residents and businesses, and to accommodate population growth and land development.

The development of the CIP for FY 2004-05 is currently underway. The first draft has been completed and the second draft will be available for public review and comment by May 15, 2004. You can assist in this effort by identifying historical infrastructure problems that you feel have not been adequately addressed.

Your comments need to be received prior to June 28, 2004 when City Council considers the adoption of the FY 2004-05 CIP in a public hearing. If you would like a copy of the draft FY 2004-05 CIP or you wish to communicate concerns about existing storm drainage, sanitary, water or street systems, contact Jim Brink, Project Engineer, at (503) 526-2450 or jbrink@ci.beaverton.or.us.

Spring Reminders

As the weather warms, our attention turns to outdoor recreational opportunities and activities. Code Services would like to remind everyone to practice safety and courtesy as our outdoor activities increase. Many people are moving their boats, RV's and utility trailers out of storage and readying them for use. As you do so, please remember that if these vehicles are left on the street, they can become a visibility hazard for pedestrians and motorists. Remember to store these vehicles in your driveway or in a storage lot, and be sure they do not protrude out and block the sidewalk.

If yard work is your task this summer, please remember that blocking the street or sidewalk with bark dust or other yard material creates a hazard for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles. Please have the material placed in your driveway instead of the street or sidewalk.

Portable basketball hoops are also a popular topic as the weather warms up. They are allowed on a residential street if the posted speed is 25 mph or less and may extend out over the street, but be sure they are at least 10 feet high so that garbage trucks and street sweepers do not run into them. The safest place to put them is out of the street at least 150 feet from any intersection, and no part of the hoop should block the sidewalk.

Warm weather also means Garage Sales. Signs for Garage and Yard sales are allowed 24 hours before the sale. Please remember that signs should not block the sidewalk or the vision of motorists, should not be placed on telephone poles or street sign poles, and should be removed promptly after the sale is over. Garage sales are only allowed to be held two weekends per year per property.

The Code Services office is open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday. If you have any *questions* about the Beaverton Municipal Code, call us at (503) 526-2270 **or email** codeservmail@ ci.beaverton.or.us.

Beaverton Farmers Market:

Bigger and Improved Market Opens May 8

Beaverton Farmers Market opens Saturday, May 8, for its 17th season and, with a total of 185 vendor spaces, the widely popular, family-friendly outdoor market will be bigger than ever.

The Sunset magazine-rated, all-agricultural farmers market features farm-direct, organic and traditional produce, fresh cut flowers, hanging baskets, plants, herbs, trees, farm-raised and wild-caught salmon, seafood, meats, free-range eggs, duck eggs, baked goods, certified organic farmstead goat and cow-milk cheeses, German sausage, wines, a rainbow of international artisan foods and live music ranging from jazz and ethnic to folk and choral.

Established in 1988, Beaverton Farmers Market draws an estimated 12,000 – 15,000 customers every Saturday. This season the market will offer more certified-organic and free-range foods and European, Asian, Central American and Middle Eastern artisan foods. In addition there will be scheduled cooking demonstrations featuring recipes involving Oregon-grown foods.

Market hours of operation are: Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., May 8 thru October 30;

Wednesdays, 4:00-7:00 p.m., July 7 thru September. The market is located at SW Hall Boulevard and Third Street, across the street from the Beaverton Library. Disabled parking is available. For more information, contact: Marketmaster Ginger Rapport, (503) 643-5345 or visit www.beavertonfarmersmarket.com.



Geraniums for sale at the Market last spring.

Dispute Resolution Center:

Suggestions for Preventing Conflict with Neighbors

Before there is a concern:

Meet Your Neighbor

Introduce yourself, perhaps at the mailbox or when you see the moving boxes arrive. Don't wait until you have a problem to meet your neighbor.

Keep Your Neighbors Informed

Contact your neighbor before you do something that might affect them – such as hosting a big party, building a fence, cutting down a tree, or getting a new dog. Informing your neighbors ahead of time allows them to make plans or tell you how your project will affect them.

Observe the Platinum Rule

Treat your neighbors the way they would like to be treated.

Be Aware of Differences

Differences in age, ethnic background, years in the neighborhood, etc., can lead to conflicting expectations or misunderstandings unless we make an effort to communicate and understand each other.

Consider the View from Your Neighbors' Yard

How does your compost pile, dog run, or son's car parts look from your neighbors' backyard or windows? Keep areas that are in others' view reasonably presentable.

Be Appreciative

If your neighbor does something you like, tell them! It will be easier to talk later when they do something that you don't like.

When there's a Problem:

Don't Assume That Discussing a Problem Will Aggravate Your Neighbor

Your neighbors can't help resolve a problem they don't know exists. If your focus is on learning rather than delivering a message, understanding and acknowledgement rather than blame, and joint problem solving rather than determining who is at fault, your conversation will go better than you think.

Don't Assume You Know Your Neighbors' Intentions

If your neighbor does something that irritates you, don't assume that it was done on purpose. Giving them the benefit of the doubt will make it easier for you to talk about the situation.

Don't Wait to Talk about Things that Bother You

If your neighbor does something that bothers you, let them know. Don't wait until a minor irritation becomes a major issue and makes it difficult to discuss.

Separate the Person from the Problem

Focusing on the issue and not on the person will allow you to take care of the problem while maintaining or improving your relationship with your neighbor.

Be Respectful

Talk directly with the neighbor involved with the problem. Don't gossip or spread rumors with other neighbors. Problem solving is only possible when we treat each other with respect.

Be Calm

If a neighbor approaches you accusingly about a difficulty, listen carefully and thank them for telling you how they feel. If you can listen and not react defensively the lines of communication will remain open and there is a good chance of working things out.

Listen Well

When you discuss a problem, try to understand how your neighbor feels about an issue and why. Summarize what you hear and ask questions to clarify your understanding of their view of the problem.

If Things Get Heated, Take a Break

If you need to, take a break, calm down and think about what you and your neighbor have discussed. Arrange a time to finish the conversation later, and then do so.

Constructive communication **can** resolve conflict, and talking things over directly is the best way to handle problems and avoid enforcement or the courts.

For help in talking to a neighbor, or for confidential assistance with a conflict, call the **Beaverton Dispute** Resolution **Center at (503)** 526-2523. The Center is a free service of the Mayor's office. See our updated Web site at www.ci. beaverton.or.us for more information

about our

services.

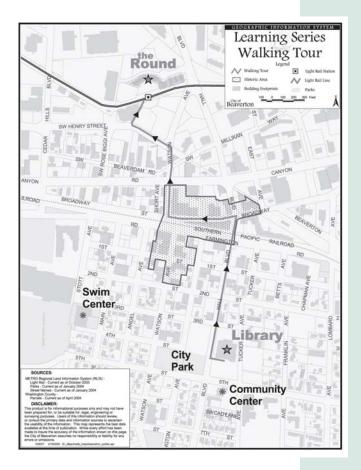
Neighborhood Program:

Walking Tour of Downtown Beaverton

On Thursday, May 20, 2004 the Neighborhood Program's City Learning Series will feature a Walking Tour of Downtown Beaverton. The walk starts at 6:00 p.m. at the City Library and proceeds north to the Round.

The route will include some of the significant changes that have occurred in the downtown core including the Hall/Watson Beautification Project, Bakery Plaza, and The Round. City staff will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. The event will take place rain or shine. Refreshments and maps will be provided.

For more information or to register, please call the Neighborhood Program at (503) 526-2243 or elevno@ci.beaverton.or.us.



ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, June 5, 2004 ~ 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Beaverton City Hall (4755 SW Griffith Drive)

The public is encouraged to bring in household items, yard debris and small appliances.

Drop-off fees are: \$5 for cars; \$15 for car with trailer/pick-up truck/minivan/SUV; and \$25 for pick-up truck with trailer/van/SUV with trailer.

The following items will **not** be accepted: kitchen garbage, food waste, tires, asbestos, hazardous



materials (such as liquid paint, pesticides, glues, oil and gas) and large appliances (e.g. stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washers and dryers).

For more information, contact the City of Beaverton at (503) 526-2543

Sponsored by the City of Beaverton, in partnership with: Beaverton Neighborhood Associations, Committee for Citizen Involvement, local garbage haulers, and Metro.

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue:

Earthquake Awareness Month: Do You Have a Plan?

Emergency Management officials tell us that, inevitably, our area is going to suffer a major earthquake - it's only a matter of time. Are you and your family prepared for the inevitable?

Following a major earthquake, emergency response agencies will be overwhelmed! It will be impossible to respond to everyone at once. Only incidents with confirmed multiple patients and/or incidents with a high life-threatening potential will be the number one priority of fire, rescue, and safety personnel. It is, therefore, imperative that you prepare now to help yourself and your family in the event of an earthquake.

Earthquake!

www.tvfr.com for downloadable information on this and more or call (503) 649-8577.

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It's the middle of a work day and the walls and fixtures in your office begin violently shaking! You get under your desk and hold on until the shaking stops. Nearly three minutes later after the shaking has stopped, you make sure your coworkers are okay, and you immediately wonder if your family members are okay. You attempt to call them but there is no phone service! You jump in your car expecting to quickly drive home, but hear on the radio that bridges are not safe to cross, side streets are blocked all over town, and the highway you

need to travel on is completely blocked due to landslides. Panic sets in as you realize it could be hours, and possibly even days, before you can connect with your family. You have no idea how your children will get home from school. You have no way to contact your spouse. You can't reach your mother to find out if she is safe or has electricity, food, or water. It is then that you ask yourself, "Why didn't I make it a priority to plan for a time like this?" What will happen to your family? Will they have food and water to last them a couple of days? Where will they sleep? Will they have access to basic first aid?

You can change this scenario to a more positive one by making changes now to prepare for an emergency such as an earthquake. Provide you and your family with the peace of mind that everyone will be cared for until you can reach one another. Start by developing a Family Disaster Plan, making sure you and your family members know how to shut off your utilities, and building a 72-hour kit with emergency supplies.

Help us help you - prepare now for peace of mind later.

72 Hour Emergency Kit Checklist

It's never too early to prepare! The following is a list of items you should consider in your emergency kit:

WATER

1 gallon per person, per day. 3 day minimum supply (7 days if possible). Have eye dropper and bleach on hand for sterilizing if necessary. Extra water for pets, if necessary

FIRST AID KIT

The contents should fit the needs of your family, filling a small tool box, fishing tackle box or other plastic container. Consider preparing a specialized kit to meet your own family needs or purchase a prepared kit

from an area store. Remember, this kit need only be adequate for a 3 day emergency.

PERSONAL

Toiletries (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.), towels and washclothes, one change of clothing per person, sanitation supplies (toilet tissue, kleenex, plastic bags, paper towels, etc.), Matches and candles, Flashlight with extra batteries

FOOD

3-day supply that requires no refrigeration or cooking:

canned fish, pork & beans, nuts, raisins, dried fruits, canned juices, peanut butter, crackers, graham crackers, sunflower seeds, granola bars, canned puddings, hard candies, cookies. Baby food, if needed. Pet food, if needed. Don't forget a can opener.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sewing kit, eating utensils (plates, cups, plastic forks/knives/spoons), battery powered radio and clock (with extra batteries), bucket, shovel, broom, ax, books and

games, aluminium foil, plastic sandwich bags/food storage bags, portable stove with fuel (if possible), pot and pan, coffee pot, list of insurance policy numbers, fire extinguisher, medications, copy of prescriptions, hearing aid batteries, heavy gloves, duct tape, household bleach, map of area, diapers, baby formula, vaccination records. **BLANKETS AND/OR** SLEEPING BAGS PLASTIC SHEETS AND **CLOTH SHEETS.**

Engineering Department:

Beaverton Drinking Water Fluoridation Begins

The Engineering Department would like to inform customers and consumers of Beaverton City drinking water that sodium fluoride will be added to the drinking water on or about May 17, 2004. The selected level of fluoride in the City's drinking water will be 0.9 parts per million. Fluoride, when used appropriately, is safe and effective in preventing and controlling dental tooth decay. According to the Center for Disease Control, fluoride is needed regularly throughout life to protect teeth against tooth decay. Fluoridation of Beaverton's drinking water is being undertaken in compliance with the regulations administered by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) and US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Background

In 2002, the Beaverton City Council referred an advisory ballot measure to a vote of the people of Beaverton asking whether the City should fluoridate its drinking water. On November 5, 2002, Beaverton residents voted in favor of advisory Measure 34-57 to add fluoride to the City's water system. Following the vote, Beaverton's Mayor and City Council directed staff to move forward with development of facilities to add fluoride to City drinking water. In the interim since 2002, the City has been developing and designing a fluoridation program.

The City of Beaverton supplies drinking water to approximately 64,720 or 80 percent of the 80,900 residents who live within the City limits. The remaining 20 percent of residents in Beaverton are supplied water by either the Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD), West Slope Water District, or Raleigh Water District. For information on fluoridation in the three other water provider agencies inside the City limits, please contact them directly. A map showing the drinking water service areas in the Beaverton area is available at the City's Web site: www.ci.beaverton.or.us

Fluoridation Facilities Under Construction

On January 5, 2004, the Beaverton City Council awarded a construction contract to build a fluoride feed facility for the addition of

fluoride to City water. Construction of the fluoride feed facility is underway and substantial completion for start-up and testing is scheduled for the end of April 2004. Addition of fluoride to the drinking water is expected to take place beginning May 17, 2004. Following start-up of the new fluoridation facility, the City of Beaverton will continue operation permanently to maintain a consistent level of fluoride in the drinking water for the benefit of consumers of City water.

Fluoridation Monitoring and Operation

The City's fluoride feed facility is equipped to ensure that the desired level of fluoride is maintained in the drinking water supply. Online electronic fluoride analyzers installed in different locations around the City will monitor fluoride levels in the drinking water 24-hours a day. Data collected from the fluoride analyzers is displayed and stored on a water system master control computer. The master control computer uses the data to control and adjust the level of fluoride, as programmed by City water maintenance staff. City water maintenance staff are required by the Oregon Department of Human Services to have water treatment certification, which covers fluoridation. The Oregon Department of Human Services also requires regular additional hand-collected drinking water samples to be tested by a state certified laboratory to check calibration of the on-line electronic monitoring analyzers. A wide range of water quality data, including fluoride once initiated, is reported by the City of Beaverton to the Oregon Department of Human Services. Beaverton's reported water quality data (test results) and water system information can be found on the Oregon Department of Human Services Internet Web site at: http:// 170.104.158.16/inventory.php3?pwsno=00081 (exact address of web page).

More Water System Information

For more information about the City of Beaverton's drinking water and supply system, you can find a water quality report and other facts at the City's Web site.

For more information, call the City Engineering Department at (503) 350-4030.

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Please call the Arts **Commission** office at (503) 526-2288 and get involved in one of these exciting. valuable community activities while getting to know more of your fellow Beaverton residents.

Beaverton Arts Commission: Calendar of Events

Arts Lecture Series Information:

Saturday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. "The Basics of Digital Photography", co sponsored by the Arts Commission and Pro-Photo Supply. The lecture will present a "hands-on" demonstration of shoot to process to print.

Tuesday, May 25 The Beaverton Arts Commission will host a "Last Tuesday Gallery Walk" at The Round. The event will be held from 5-9 p.m. and include a display of fine works of art available in the plaza and a free concert in the amphitheatre.

May-July Artist Phyllis Meyer will have a selection of her works on exhibit in Providence St. Vincent Hospital's new Center on Aging Gallery (located on the 2nd floor near the cafeteria). This program is a partnership with the Beaverton Arts Commission and will showcase the artistic talents and creative vitality of our senior artists.

Saturday, June 12, 10:30 a.m. to Noon In the spirit of the summer Olympics, the Arts Commission will present a lecture entitled: "Sports Photography – Capturing the Drama of Athletic Competition." Guest panelist for the lecture will be: Marcus Swanson, Commercial Photographer for clients such as Nike; Steve DePaula, National Photographer covering such teams as the Portland Blazers; Bruce Ely, Sports Photographer for the Oregonian; and Brian Walkins, Video Photographer for Channel 12 News.

There is no admission charge for the lectures, which will be held in the Beaverton City Library Auditorium, 12375 SW 5th Street.



The Beaverton Arts Commission and Beaverton Arts Foundation thank the Spirit M o u n t a i n Community Fund for its financial support of its Native American Cultural programming.

Community Arts and Cultural Events

Saturday, May 1st, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saint Thyagaraja Aradhana Festival of Music (Grand India Music Festival) at Sunset High School, 13840 NW Cornell Rd. A full day of great classical music, traditional Indian cuisine and concerts by local and visiting artists. No admission charge. www.thyagarajaaradhana.org or info@rasika.org.

Friday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. Beaverton Community Band Spring Concert at Southridge High School, 9625 SW 125th Avenue. No admission charge.

Sign up for the Arts News and Events Mailing List at www.ci.beaverton.or.us/departments/arts/news.htm

Become involved in the Arts and Culture in Beaverton!

Are you looking for an opportunity to get involved in your community? Do you have a particular interest in the visual or performing arts? Would you like to meet and work with a few of your neighbors on a fun project that will improve the quality of life in Beaverton? If so, call the Arts Commission and join one of our committees!

Arts Commission committees meet once a month and focus on one particular interest area or project:

Art Education – Works to support special projects aligned with bringing art education opportunities to Beaverton children through such activities as "Kid Art".

Art Lecture Series – Selects topics and speakers for lectures on a wide variety of topics aimed at increasing knowledge about old and new art forms as well as background information on art exhibits in the community.

Membership – Welcomes new members and recognizes the efforts of those most involved as well as coordinates an annual membership event.

Advocacy – Develops a marketing campaign to support and promote the value of art in the community and furthers the understanding of the value of art and culture in our daily lives.

Visual Arts Showcase – Assist with the planning and implementation of this well-loved exhibit. Possible areas of assistance include volunteers, promotion, logistics, sponsorships, among others.

Solid Waste & Recycling News

Electronics Collection Event

Do you have an old computer monitor, computer CPU, printer or cell phone that you don't know what to do with? If so, the City of Beaverton has an option for you: The City is sponsoring an Electronics Collection event in May. All collected materials will be properly recycled or disposed of (depending on the item and its condition).

Date and Location:

Saturday, May 8, 2004, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Beaverton City Hall (4755 SW Griffith Drive)

Fees and accepted materials:

(Beaverton Residents only)

\$5 per car

(this includes one monitor per car; \$5.00 for each additional monitor). TVs are accepted for additional fees: \$10 for TVs with screens of 19 inches or smaller and \$25 for TVs with screens of 20 inches or larger.

What can I take to the event?

Accepted:

Monitors, CPUs, Printers, Faxes, Scanners, Laptops, Cell phones, Desktop stereos, TVs (for an additional fee.)

Not Accepted:

Microwaves, Countertop appliances, Large appliances

Purpose of this event:

To provide a convenient and economical option for Beaverton residents to recycle their electronic equipment instead of sending these items to nearby landfills.

Where do these items go for recycling?

These items will be taken by Earth Protection Services, Incorporated (EPSI) of Tigard, Oregon. EPSI uses a variety of processors to handle these materials. Any materials that are reusable will be salvaged.

2004 Hazardous Waste Roundups

Many products used in your yard and home can hurt people, fish and wildlife if used or disposed of incorrectly. Metro conducts household hazardous waste collection events called "roundups" from March through November in many communities across the tri-county area. These events are small, frequent and community-friendly. You also can take your toxic trash year-round to Metro's permanent hazardous waste facilities. In 2003, residents disposed of more than 700,000 pounds of hazardous waste at the weekend roundup collection events.

Roundup collections take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For locations and a schedule call (503) 234-3000 or check the Metro website at www.metro-region.org

For information about your solid waste or recycling questions, contact us at recyclingmail @cibeaverton.or.us or call (503) 526-2665.



Measure 34-77

Tuesday
May 18, 2004
Election

WASHINGTON COUNTY COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SERVICES

Read all about it



Local Option Levy to Restore and Maintain Countywide Library Services

This levy would fund libraries in: Banks, Beaverton, Cedar Mill, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Garden Home, Hillsboro, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, West Slope, start-up libraries in Gaston and North Plains, and central support services that link these local libraries together.

Why the levy is proposed:

Measure 34-77 is a five-year local option levy that would restore and maintain public library services in Washington County. Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) provides funding for countywide library operations, outreach programs, and central services that link together the county's public libraries. On average, 67% of all library operating funds comes from WCCLS.

Measure 34-77 would cost:

- Fixed rate of 26¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value. An average homeowner would pay an additional \$43 in property taxes in 2004 (average home assessed at \$165,000; assessed value is different than market value).
- An estimated \$48 million would be levied countywide over the five-year period.

How is the Beaverton City Library used by the community?

Each day about 2,300 residents use the library. Children go to storytimes, youth receive homework help, people read and do research, access to technology is available to everyone and volunteers assist staff to utilize library resources.

An average day at the Beaverton City Library:

- 5,042 items are checked out
- 93 people attend library programs
- 49 teens get homework assistance
- 415 research questions are answered
- 77 children attend storytimes
- 42 hours are worked by community volunteers
- 315,495 items are in the Beaverton library collection (over 1.2 million items are available through WILInet). [statistics provided by Beaverton City Library]

What Measure 34-77 would mean to the Beaverton City Library if it passes:

- Restore budget for books and other materials:
 - A 35% reduction in materials purchases was made after the defeat of the November 2002 Library Levy.
- Restore staffing levels
 - 5.6 Full-time equivalent positions were eliminated last year. Some of these staff hours would be restored, allowing restoration of programs and storytimes, and enabling books and materials to be re-shelved in a timely manner.
- Restore library hours
 - Eleven open hours were eliminated this year. Selected hours, especially 8 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, would be reinstated, restoring access to library services for residents.

What Beaverton City Library services would be reduced if Measure 34-77 fails?

Without Measure 34-77 funding, the City of Beaverton would only have enough emergency funds to maintain current levels of reduced library service for one year. Beginning in July 2005 further reductions in staff, hours of service and book budgets would be required.

Measure 34-77 Read All About It:

www.WILInet.wccls.lib.or.us

Levy authorized by the Washington County Board of Commissioners. Materials paid for by Washington County Cooperative Library Services. Information reviewed by the Oregon Secretary of State, Elections Division for compliance with ORS 260.432. March '04



Beaverton City Library: Kids Read All Summer Long

Kids from 0 – 6th grade are invited to "DISCOVER NEW TRAILS @ YOUR LIBRARY!" during the Beaverton City Library's Summer Reading Program. To participate in this free program, children can sign up in the Children's Room of the Library, anytime beginning June 1. Every child who reads (*or is read to*) for 15 hours over the summer will receive a free paperback book, along with other surprises.

As part of the "DISCOVER NEW TRAILS @ YOUR LIBRARY!" program the Library also presents free special events for kids every Wednesday afternoon from June 23 through August 4, including Magician Bob Eaton, and BJ the Clown!

Unlock Mystery in Books! Teen Summer Reading Club

Read and win all summer long! Join our Teen Summer Reading Club & you'll have lots of ways you can win! The program runs June 1 through August 31 and is open to students in grades 6 through 12. Sign up in the Young Adult Room starting June 1. In addition to prizes awarded for reading 15 or more hours, teens can win by filling out book reviews and entering in our prize drawings. The more you read, the better your chances for winning great prizes from Washington Square Mall, Best Buy, Regal Cinemas, Borders & more!

Help us kick off our Teen Summer Reading

Club with our sign-up party on Saturday, June 12 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A at the Beaverton City Library. We'll have ice cream sundaes, games and fun!

Special events for teens during the summer include a Mystery Nite, T-Shirt Decorating Party, Improv/Java Jive Nite, Chocolate Festival, Movie Matinees and more.

Both the Kids and Teens Summer Reading Programs are made possible by generous support from the Beaverton Library Foundation.

Friends of the Library Expand their Used Book Store!

Please join the Friends of the Beaverton City Library for a ribbon cutting ceremony with Mayor Rob Drake and Library Director Ed House on Sunday, May 2 at 11:45 a.m. Generous donations were given by Mr. & Mrs. Elwyn Kinney, Mr. & Mrs. James Barnard, Jeanne Leeson and Mr. & Mrs. Rich Thomas to expand the current bookstore located at 12470 SW 5th at the corner of 5th & Washington.

The Friends now have increased space to take book donations and an additional room for book sales. The proceeds from the book sales are given to the Library.

All books are in excellent condition and typically cost \$.50 to \$1.00. For more information about the Book Corner or the Friends, please call (503) 643-5188.

Address:

12375 SW 5th Street, (5th & Hall) Beaverton, OR 97005

Phone:

(503) 644-2197

Hours:

Monday thru Thursday 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Sunday Noon-5:00 p.m.

Web site:

www.beaverton library.org

For more
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please contact
our office
(503) 526-2499
or email
regan@ci.
beaverton.or.us
to place your
name on a list
for this
exciting
opportunity.

Sister Cities Program:

Visitors and Visits!

We are pleased to announce that Beaverton Sister Cities will be hosting a group from Hsinchu, Taiwan R.O.C. in late June. They will be coming to conference about the students exchange visits in the upcoming year. This delegation will be led by Mayor Lin.

A delegation from Cheonan, Korea, led by Mayor Sung, will be in Beaverton in July for the annual Summerfest event. The group will be part of the Saturday, July 17, parade so we urge you to welcome them as they pass by.

There will be a Beaverton group going to our German Sister City at the end of May for a special music event. They will also celebrate with our joint Sister City Cluses, France a milepost anniversary.

We would also like to announce that we will have a visit to Trossingen, Germany in early December to help them celebrate the anniversary of the opening of their City Hall.

Our monthly meetings are open to the public so if you would like to get more involved or just learn more about the Sister City program you are welcome to join us at Sayler's Old Country Kitchen restaurant at 12:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month.

PUBLIC MEETINGS CALENDAR • MAY-JUNE 2004 City Council Meetings* - City Hall / Council Chambers *Call (503) 526-2640 V/TDD for a Mon. May 3 6:30 p.m. Mon. June 14 6:30 p.m. recording of City Council agendas. May 10 6:30 p.m. -- Televised 6:30 p.m. -- Televised Mon. Mon. June 21 **Call Neighborhood Program, (503) Mon. May 17 6:30 p.m. Mon. June 28 6:30 p.m. 526-2243 V/TDD to confirm location and meeting dates. NAC Meetings ** Central Beaverton NAC Thurs. May 20 7:00 p.m. Beaverton Community Center The events listed on this calendar Five Oaks/Triple Creek NAC May 18 Elmonica Elementary School Tues. 7:00 p.m. are subject to change. The Tues. June 8 7:00 p.m. **THPRD Nature Park** calendar on the City Web site will Highland NAC Thurs. May 13 7:00 p.m. Beaverton Resource Center have the most current information June 10 7:00 p.m. Thurs Raleigh West NAC May 12 about events and any Wed. 7:00 p.m. Beaverton Community Center June 9 Wed. 7:00 p.m. cancellations. See www.ci. Sexton Mountain NAC May 19 Sexton Mtn. Elementary School Wed. 7:00 p.m. beaverton.or.us/community/ June 16 Wed 7:00 p.m. vcalendar.cfm for more details. South Beaverton NAC Thurs May 13 7:00 p.m. Southridge High School Vose NAC May (TBA) 7:00 p.m. Beaverton Community Center Wed. Assistive listening devices or sign Wed. June(TBA) 7:00 p.m. interpreters will be made available at West Beaverton NAC Seventh Day Adventist Church May 13 7:00 p.m. Thurs. any public meeting or program June 10 Thurs. 7:00 p.m. sponsored by the City of Beaverton West Slope NAC West Sylvan Middle School Tues. June 15 7:00 p.m. upon request with a minimum of 72 **Boards and Commissions - Meeting Locations at City Hall** hours advance notice. To request Beaverton Arts Commission Tues. May 18 6:30 p.m. City Hall, 3rd Floor Conf. Room either service, please call (503) 526-Tues June 15 6:30 p.m. 2497 V/TDD. May 25 Beaverton Comm. for Citizen InvolvementTues. 7:00 p.m. City Hall, 1st Floor Conf. Room June 22 Tues. 7:00 p.m. MEETING LOCATIONS: Beaverton Sister Cities Foundation Thurs. May 13 12:30 p.m. Sayler's Old Country Kitchen Beaverton Community Center: 12350 June 10 12:30 p.m. Thurs Bicycle Advisory Committee Tues. May 4 6:00 p.m. City Hall, 3rd Floor Conf. Room Beaverton Resource Center: 12500 6:00 p.m. June 1 Tues. SW Allen Blvd. Board of Design Review City Hall, 2nd Floor Conf. Room Thurs May 6 6:30 p.m. Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS), May 13 Thurs. 6:30 p.m. City Hall, Council Chambers 8640 SW Turquoise Loop May 20 6:30 p.m. Thurs. 6:30 p.m. May 27 City Hall: 4755 SW Griffith Dr. Thurs. Thurs. June 3 6:30 p.m. City Hall, 2nd Floor Conf. Room Conestoga Middle School: 12250 SW June 10 6:30 p.m. City Hall. Council Chambers Thurs. Conestoga Thurs. June 17 6:30 p.m. Edgewood Downs Retirement Center: Thurs. June 24 6:30 p.m. 7799 SW Scholls Ferry Rd. 3:30 p.m. Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Com. May 20 City Hall, Council Chambers Thurs Elmonica School: 16950 SW Lisa Thurs. June 17 3:30 p.m. Five Oaks School: 1600 NW 173rd Ave. Human Rights Advisory Commission 7:00 p.m. City Hall, 1st Floor Conf. Room May 18 Tues. Highland Park Middle: 7000 SW Wilson Tues. June 15 7:00 p.m. Library Building: 12375 SW 5th Mayor's Youth Advisory Board City Hall, 1st Floor Conf. Room Sun. May 2 6:00 p.m. Nancy Ryles School: 10250 SW Sun. May 16 6:00 p.m. Cormorant Sun. June 6 6:00 p.m. Sayler's Old Country Kitchen Planning Commission Wed. May 5 7:00 p.m. City Hall, Council Chambers Restaurant: 4655 SW Griffith Drive May 12 Wed. 7:00 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist Church: 14645 Wed. May 19 7:00 p.m. SW Davis Rd. Wed. May 26 7:00 p.m. Sexton Mt. School: 15645 SW Sexton June 2 7:00 p.m. Wed. Mt. Drive Wed. June 9 7:00 p.m. June 16 7:00 p.m. Southridge High School: 9625 SW Wed. June 23 7:00 p.m. Wed. 125th Avenue Wed June 30 7:00 p.m. Valley Presbyterian Church: 8060 SW Senior Citizens Advisory Committee May 11 2:00 p.m. City Hall, 3rd Floor Conf. Room Tues. Brentwood Tues. June 8 2:00 p.m. THPRD Nature Park Interpretive Traffic Commission City Hall, Council Chambers Thurs. May 6 7:00 p.m. Center: 15655 SW Millikan Way 7:00 p.m. June 3 Thurs. West Sylvan Middle School: 8111 SW West Slope Drive Please note that Beaverton City Hall and the Beaverton City Library Whitford Middle School: 7935 SW will be closed in observance of the following holiday: Scholls Ferry Road Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

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